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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-94 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-94 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). 6.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____.

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-24, 35-37 and 41-94, drawn to a recording medium with various data recording regions, classified in class 369, subclass 275.3.

II. Claims 25-34 and 38-40, drawn to a hybrid type recording medium having two recording layers, classified in class 369, subclass 13.39.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group I, claims 1-24, 35-37 and 41-94; Group II, claims 25-34 and 38-40, are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable.

In the instant case, invention Group I, claims 1-24, 35-37 and 41-94, claims a recording medium having various data recording regions for storing data in respective formats. On the other hand, in Group II, claims 25-34 and 38-40, claims an optical recording medium having a plurality of recording layers.

A recording medium such as claimed in Group I can be used to store data, music and video in a variety of recording standards. On the contrary, a recording medium such as claimed in Group II can be used as a multi-layers recording medium where different formats of recording standard can not be mixed in a single recording layer.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. A telephone call was made to Mr. Michael D. Stein on January 24, 2003 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

5. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

6. Any response to this action should be mailed to:
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(Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the
status of this application should be directed to the Group
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier
communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim
CHU whose telephone number is (703) 305-3032.

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